

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

ANDREW RITZ and MICHAEL RITZ, Plaintiffs, v. EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, LLC, <i>et al.</i> , Defendants.	Civil Action No. 20-13509 (GC) (RLS) <u>MEDIATION ORDER & DESIGNATION OF MEDIATOR</u>
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CASTNER, District Judge

THIS MATTER having come before the Court following a telephonic conference with counsel for the parties on May 29, 2025, and it appearing that mediation would conserve the resources and be in the best interests of the Court and the parties,

IT IS on this 29th day of May, 2025, **ORDERED** as follows:

1. This civil action will proceed to mediation by consent of the parties and by Order of the Court consistent with Local Civil Rule 301.1;
2. Counsel and the parties shall participate in mediation and shall cooperate in good faith with the Mediator: Hon. Douglas E. Arpert (Ret.);
3. Counsel must promptly contact the Mediator at darpert@walsh.law to schedule mediation;
4. Within seven (7) days of this filing, Plaintiffs' counsel must forward copies of this Order together with the pleadings filed in this action to the Mediator;
5. Counsel and the parties, including individuals with settlement authority, shall attend mediation sessions as requested by the Mediator and participate in good faith;

6. Pending the completion of mediation, the action shall be **ADMINISTRATIVELY TERMINATED** without prejudice subject to restoration upon the conclusion of mediation;
7. All filings and deadlines will be stayed pending the completion of the mediation; and
8. Within seven (7) days following completion of mediation, counsel for the parties shall advise the Court of the outcome and whether the matter needs to be relisted to the Court's active docket.


GEORGETTE CASTNER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE